

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 454

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Scott Ray of DeSoto Central High School, upon being named *The Commercial Appeal's* 2006-2007 First Tennessee Academic All-Star for Drama and Speech.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott Ray, an esteemed student at DeSoto Central High School, has been duly recognized as *The Commercial Appeal's* 2006-2007 First Tennessee Academic All-Star in the subject areas of Drama and Speech; and

WHEREAS, in its inaugural year, *The Commercial Appeal's* First Tennessee Academic All-Stars program spotlights standout students in the newspaper and honors them for their dedication to academics, school leadership, and community service; and

WHEREAS, since the All-Star program's September inception, principals from fifty Memphis area schools have nominated nearly 600 exceptional students for it; from those 600 students, ten were chosen to the All-Star program, each of whom having excelled in a particular subject area; and

WHEREAS, Scott Ray is a dynamic theater student who balances his passion for the arts with the demands of a rigorous high school curriculum; he has maintained an exemplary 4.0 grade point average, while participating in both school and community theater productions and band; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ray has played the roles of Friedrich in *The Sound of Music*, Romeo in *Romeo and Juliet*, and George in *School House Rock Live!*; he has astutely performed with the DeSoto Family Theatre as a young George Bailey in *It's a Wonderful Life*, sang in that theater's

production of *Beauty and the Beast*, and appeared as a disciple in the Harrell Theatre production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated student, Scott Ray competed as team captain on DeSoto Central's Knowledge Bowl Team; he also lends his time and talents to the DeSoto Family Theatre summer camp; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depends, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Mr. Scott Ray who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Scott Ray is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Scott Ray of DeSoto Central High School upon his selection as *The Commercial Appeal's* 2006-2007 First Tennessee Academic All-Star in the subject areas of Drama and Speech, recognize his outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, academic prowess, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.